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MIROSLAV CHMELIR, ET AL. : EXAMINER: ZALUKAEVA, T.
SERIAL NO: 09/554,090 :
FILED: JUNE 14, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1713
FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING :
WATER-SOLUBLE OR WATER-
SWELLABLE POLYMERIZATES
WITH A VERY LOW RESIDUAL
MONOMER CONTENT,
PRODUCTS PRODUCED
ACCORDING TO THIS METHOD
AND THE USE THEREOF

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Communication dated May 13, 2003 holding the present application abandoned, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of said abandonment for the following reasons:

An Office Action was mailed by the Patent and Trademark Office on May 13, 2003, indicating the application has been abandoned in view of the Decision by the Board of Appeals rendered on "April 2, 2003" and because the period for seeking Court review of the Decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.

This is clearly an error since the Board Decision did not issue on April 2, 2003 but rather issued on April 23, 2003, the mailing date stamped on the Decision. Further, the period for seeking Court review of the Decision does not expire until June 23, 2003, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.197(b).

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Accordingly, the date for further action by the Applicant has not passed and the holding of abandonment is clearly in error. Its withdrawal is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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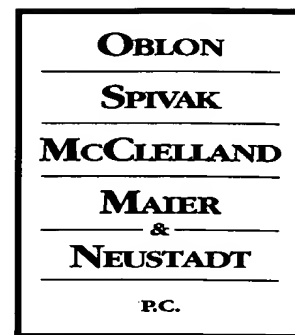


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SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Request for Withdrawal of Holding of Abandonment

Our check in the amount of -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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